of US$ 3,000,000. However, no project for poverty alleviation in Orissa has been posed to the World Bank.

(c) The contribution of the Central Government to help the State alleviate poverty and improve its economy is decided on a year-to-year basis during the Annual Plan discussions in the Planning Commission.

Service Tax on projects of Defence Housing Boards

2160. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Service Tax is being levied on projects being made by Defence Housing Boards who are building houses for their employees on no profit no loss basis;

(b) whether Air Force Naval Housing Board has been asked to deposit Service Tax from retrospective effect for its project in Sector 47, Noida even though the project was under construction much before April, 2005;

(c) whether the allottees have been subject to tremendous financial burden due to this tax;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to exempt the above project from the levy of Service Tax; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) In terms of section 65 of the Finance Act, 1994, any service provided to any person, by any other person in relation to construction of complex, as defined in the said section, is a taxable service. Accordingly, service tax is leviable, if any such taxable service is provided to the Defence Housing Board by a service provider.

(b) No Sir.

(c) to (e) Does not arise in view of the (b) above

Central Excise exemption limit for SSI Units

2161. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Proneb Sen Committee has recommended to increase